to the go-downs for export. That practice was undesirable and unjust as it caused infinite trouble and loss to the traders. He requested that the practice might be ordered to be stopped as early as possible.

In view of the large interests of the mercantile population in the town, he suggested that there should be at least five merchant members on the Committee. The number of members might be raised from 9 to 13 for that purpose. The merchant members should be elected by the merchants alone, or they might be nominated by the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

102. Suggestions for the improvement of the town of Vaikam.

Mr. S. Subrahmanya Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Vaikam) said that Vellala members were very few in the Assembly and requested that one from the community should be nominated every year. Proceeding to his subject, he said that the bridge over the Puthenthodu should be repaired. Some amount was spent on it last year but the bridge was still shaky. The roads in front of the eastern and southern gates of the temple leading to Puthenthodu and Arattukadavu should be gravelled. The roads around the temple were now under the control of the Maramat Department which paid no attention to their repairs. Those roads might be transferred to the control of the Committee with the funds allotted for their maintenance. There was a big rut on the road to the north of the temple and it was left unattended to for the last two or three years.

Dewan.—The Peishkar will attend to the repairs to the roads at once.

The Member continued and said that the lane from the bridge over the Puthenthodu, passing by the side of the Cutcherry to the market, should be removed of its encroachments for the use of the people going to the market. He then requested that it should be tried whether the outlet constructed at great cost for bailing out water from the temple tank could at least be used for carrying away the *Kadi* from the temple. The canal leading to the northern tank should be improved. The Pathrakulam to the east of the Homapura should also be repaired and the water hyacinth in it removed and destroyed.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-25 P. M.

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